

CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Presentation Of Certificate Of Recognition To Douglas Eigenhuis, Lodi City Cab


MEETING DATE: September 18, 2002

PREPARED BY: City Clerk

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Mayor Pennino present a Certificate of Recognition to Douglas Eigenhuis, employee of Lodi City Cab, for his act of kindness in helping stranded motorists in Lodi.


BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Mayor received a letter from a citizen of Oregon recognizing Lodi City Cab employee, Douglas Eigenhuis, for his act of kindness in helping stranded motorists in Lodi. Mayor Pennino will present a Certificate of Recognition to Mr. Eigenhuis for going above and beyond the call of duty.

FUNDING: None required.


Susan J. Blackston
City Clerk

SJB/JMP

APPROVED: _____


H. Dixon Flynn -- City Manager

September 19, 2002

Mrs. Kathy Walker:

At the Lodi City Council meeting of September 18, 2002, Mayor Phil Pennino made a presentation to Mr. Douglas Eigenhuis in recognition of the assistance he provided your children while they were in Lodi.

Mr. Eigenhuis exhibits the pride, compassion, and sense of community we hope all Lodi visitors may be extended, regardless of their circumstances.

Attached is a copy of the item he received as a direct result of your letter. We appreciate your taking the time to write, and are pleased to know that your children arrived home safe and sound.

Sincerely,

*Susan J. Blackston
City Clerk*

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August 28, 2002

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Acampo, CA 95220

RE: ✓ RECOGNITION OF LODI CITY CAB EMPLOYEE, DOUGLAS EIGENHUIS

The Mayor received an appreciation letter (copy enclosed) from a citizen of Oregon recognizing Lodi City Cab employee, Douglas Eigenhuis, for his act of kindness in helping stranded motorists in Lodi.

The Lodi City Council would like to invite Mr. Eigenhuis to the September 18, 2002 City Council meeting to receive a Certificate of Recognition from Mayor Pennino for going above and beyond the call of duty.

Would you, or Mr. Eigenhuis, please contact Deputy City Clerk Jennifer Perrin at 333-6702 no later than Friday, September 6 as to whether or not we may place this on the September 18 agenda. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Susan J. Blackston
City Clerk

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Enclosure

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Kathy Winters
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Grants Pass, OR 97527

To whom it May Concern:

I would like to tell you about a very special person in your town who has become a hero to our family. Last month, my 18-year-old daughter traveled from Grants Pass, Oregon to Porterville, California to pick up her 16-year-old sister and 9-year-old brother from a vacation with their grandparents. This is over a 600-mile drive. On the return trip, in approximately 105°-112° weather, my daughter overheated her car and broke down. I was able to get on the internet and locate a local Chevron, where she had my credit card to use. They promptly dispatched a tow truck and got my children into the repair station very quickly. At approximately 10 minutes til 5:00, when the Chevron was due to close, I found out it would take several days to repair my daughter's car. We quickly made the decision to travel to Lodi and pick up the children and tow the car home for repair, but we would need the children to get into a safe place in the meantime.

I told my daughter to call a taxi and ask them to take her to the nearest motel. I gave her my mastercard number and told her to explain the situation and ask them to check her in, and her father would give them an impression of the card when he got there. At this point, I was leaving work, so my daughter was to call me as soon as she got checked in. My daughter called for a taxi, and this is where a very kind person stepped in. The taxi driver, a Mr. Douglas Eigenhuis of 11632 Camphor Way, Los Angeles, CA 90042 339-4967 arrived to pick my children up. My daughter explained the situation and asked to be taken to the nearest motel. This gentleman explained that he didn't feel this was necessarily the safest place for my children to be, but he would take them to a nice motel of comparable price. Upon learning that my daughter only had \$7.00 cash, the gentleman only charged my three children \$5.00 for the fare. Before leaving my children, this kind man gave my daughter his phone number.

at work, his home address, and \$26.00 cash. He also left her with instructions that if she needed anything before her parents got there, to call him. My husband arrived at the motel at 4:00 am, and after sleeping a couple of hours, was able to safely get our children home.

I work for a District Attorney's office, and I come into contact with some of the worse individuals a person can imagine. On any given day, you can read the newspaper or watch the news and wonder how such terrible individuals can exist. It is rare, indeed, to come across an individual such as your Mr. Ugenhuis, and I hope your community appreciates what a fine example of decency and kindness he displays in representing your area.

Sincerely,
Kathy Walker